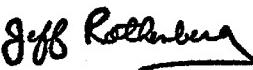


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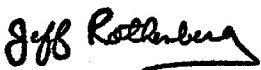
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**EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF APPLICATION**

Dear Sir:

In view of the favorable Decision, dated May 9, 2011, granting Applicant's renewed Petition to Revive the above-identified application as needed to preserve the priority claim in pending continuation application no. 12/753,175. Since this continuation application is identical to the parent application, Applicant hereby expressly abandons parent application no. 10/574,368 in favor of continued prosecution of pending continuation application no. 12/753,175.

Respectfully submitted,



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